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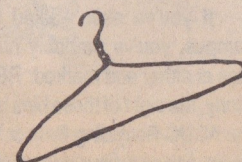
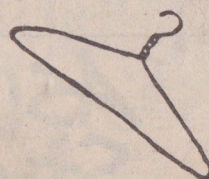
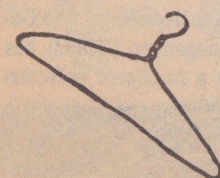
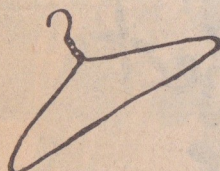
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The Great Communicator unleashed something called "the magic of the marketplace" which would cause manna from heaven to "trickle down" to the common folk, and allow deep cuts in social spending. The military budget, which means socialism and welfare giveaways for defense contractors, was drastically inflated. Adolph Hitler did the same thing in Germany to get the economy rolling - he called it National Socialism. Reagan's National Socialism (welfare for the military) excludes those people who are not a part of the war economy.

The "economic recovery", which was nothing more than an increase in profits fueled by deficit spending and corporate tax breaks, created a redistribution of wealth from the poor to the rich. There has emerged in the US two nations: the "yupsters" and the "underclass". The yupsters have profited during the 80's. They are overwhelmingly white, well-educated and trained to cope with the hi-tech and services job market. They hold jobs in finance, computing, telecommunications, insurance, marketing, etc., etc. They are the people you usually see on TV shows and commercials.

The underclass have seen manufacturing jobs and real wages decline during the Reagan years. Due to a lack of education caused by their class position, they are in poor shape to compete. They

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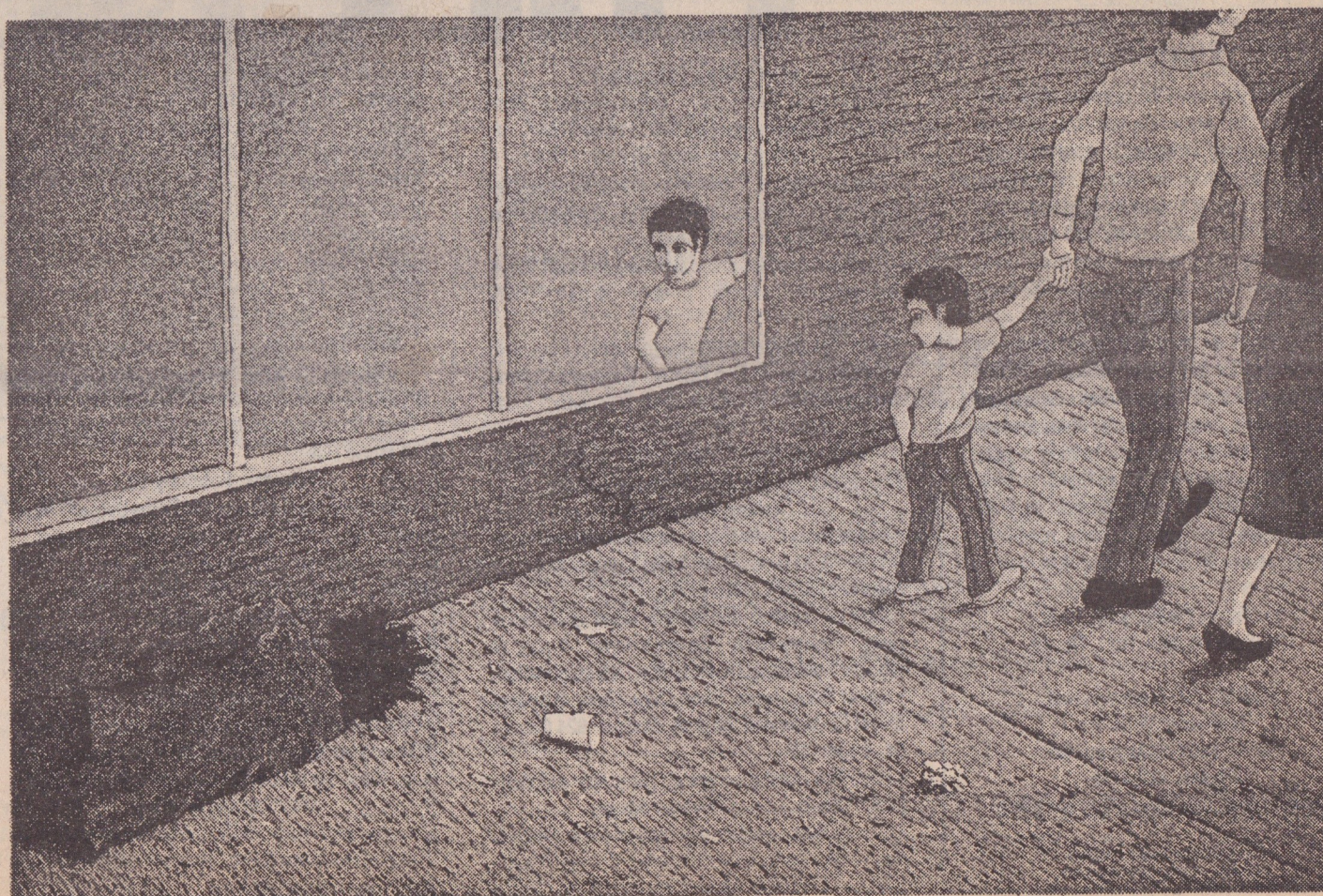
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## No Northwest Animal Torture Facility

Recently the University of California was granted \$14.9 million to construct an enormous animal facility most of which will be under the ground.

The trees which used to be on the site where the Northwest Animal Facility will be have now been cleared and the construction men and machines are digging a deep hole for the underground dungeon in which MANY animals will be kept and experimented on.

If you haven't yet read *Animal Liberation* by Peter Singer, please read it. If you haven't yet seen "The Animals' Film," please see it. If you don't understand what the concern and fuss are all about in regard to the animals, please ask someone who is concerned and fussing. And remember, if you are a student, your tuition and your silence are constructing that animal facility. If you are a citizen of Berkeley, your taxes and silence are constructing that animal facility. Let us please ELEVATE the struggle and protest the construction of the Northwest Animal Facility.

P.S. Did you see the page that CFAAR (Coalition for Animals and Animal Research they call themselves) bought for an ad in the Daily Cal? They used Leonardo Da Vinci's man in their logo (and some happy looking animals around him) which states that

"animal research saves lives." Leonardo Da Vinci was a vegetarian and against vivisection. One thing CFAAR does not lack is nerve. Animal research may not save lives. Look for arguments made by scientists and doctors that animal research does not save lives. The arguments are there, just not as publicly prominent as they will be in the future. Animal research certainly tortures and ends an unbelievable amount of lives. Also, animal research pays animal researchers, and those who make money by investing in the breeding of animals to be sold for academic, biomedical, psychological, product and military research. Have you ever seen a catalogue called "Animal Lab?" It looks like a magazine and is filled with animals with numbers and prices that is comparable to a furniture catalogue. You probably haven't seen it, just like you probably haven't seen animal research animals or laboratories. These are normally closed to public observation of any kind. Animal research can mean big bucks. If you don't approve of animal research, please share your voice in the opposition. CFAAR also wrote in the ad that certain "elements" in the community are forcing them to advertise on behalf of animal research. I wish these elements would RISE UP and show themselves.

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## CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

March 8 is International Women's Day. A token gesture, no doubt, implying that the other 364 days are for men. What this day can do, however, is give an opportunity for women of different cultures and backgrounds to unite against the oppression we suffer daily.

This March 8, women are gathering in San Francisco for a rally and march to fight women's oppression. The themes or focuses of the 1989 march are freedom for all political prisoners and POW's, keep abortion legal and demand full reproductive rights, stop racist attacks and women's/lesbian liberation.

We are asking for the support of both women and men to help on March 8. Women: meet at Civic Center in San Francisco at 5 p.m., Polk and McAllister. Bring with you coat hangers, banners, flyers, paint and any equipment you deem necessary for a march of strong, angry, militant women.

If there are men who would like to show support for women's liberation, much help is needed with child care, prop making, and legal support. Behind the scenes work will hold our march together. Please call 658-4244 for more information.

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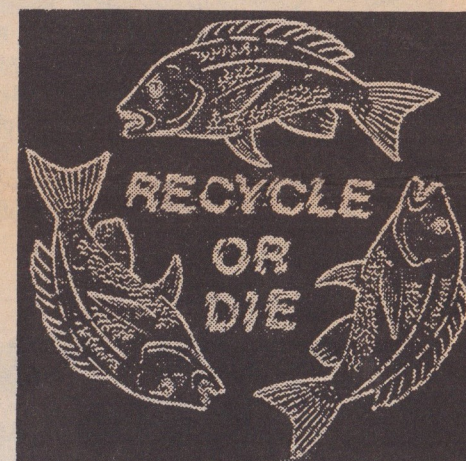
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The Recycling Project is a collective, student-run group sponsored by the ASUC which collects paper, cans and bottles from both public areas, UC Berkeley campus department offices, offices off the campus proper, the Lawrence Berkeley Lab as well as the Richmond Field Station. Though this year alone to date it has received over \$25,000 in income from materials collected and sold, the project collects less than ten percent of the current amount of potential recyclables in the University's waste stream.

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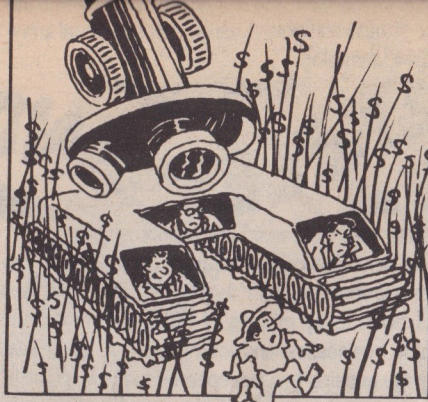
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Right now we especially need money. In order to pay for this issue, we had to borrow \$400 from our staff. Our total debt now is about \$820. Please, help! We have t-shirts for sale for \$8 or \$10 and are also holding a gala benefit at the Starry Plough on March 5. Individual contributions are welcome as well. Please make checks out to Jesse, not Slingshot, since we do not have a bank account.

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- Peter Apfelbaum and the Hieroglyphics Ensemble with special guest Don Cherry. Concepts Cultural Gallery, 480 3rd St. off Broadway in Oakland. 9 and 11 p.m. \$12.
- Protest apartheid! Noon rally on Biko plaza. Sponsored by Campaign Against Apartheid.

### Friday, February 24

- Peace Army Coffeehouse at the Seeds of Peace house. 8:30 p.m. Open Mike sign up at 8. \$1 donation. 3237 California St.
- Women Against Imperialism video and dance party. Women only. "Desert Hearts." 8 p.m. at Sincere Technologies, 4026 MLK. \$5-10 donation.
- Sweet Baby Jesus, Short Dogs Grow, Samiam, Sweet Children and the Judy Blooms. 924 Gilman St. 8 p.m. \$5
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### Sunday, February 26

- Women Against Imperialism prop making party for International Women's Day march. Good Samaritan Church on Potrero near 25th. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- David Bromberg and the Big Band. Great American Music Hall.

### Tuesday, February 28

- Organic Farmer's Market. On Derby between MLK and Milvia. 2 p.m. until Sunset. Every Tuesday.
- Open seminar on Marx's Capital, led by Prof. Walker. 5-7 p.m. 575 ESB. Every Tuesday.

### Wednesday, March 1

- Protest Harassment of Homelss. Sit-in at Telegraph and Durant. Noon.

### Saturday, March 4

- Direct Action Workshop and prop making for March 20th protest against US policy in El Salvador. 10 a.m. Good Samaritan Church, 1294 Potrero in SF.

### Wednesday, March 8

- International Women's Day. Women Demonstrate. Polk and McAllister (Civic Center) SF. 5 p.m. March 5:30. See article, this issue.

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- Spokes Council meeting for March 20th action against US war in El Salvador. 11 a.m. Good Samaritan Church, 1294 Potrero in SF.

### Saturday, March 18

- Stop US war in El Salvador. March in SF. 10 a.m. Gather at 18th & Dolores. Call 641-9933, 648-8222 or 824-5928 for info. See article, this issue.

### Monday, March 20

- SHUTDOWN the Federal Building in SF to protest US policy in El Salvador. 7 a.m. See article, this issue.

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# El Salvador: A New Moon Rising

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How could we answer this man? We, who minutes before were so preoccupied with our bodily complaints, were now confronted with the reality of thousands of lives forced to live in ruins because of our governments senseless brutality. Noone spoke for a long time—but each of us stood there silently reaffirming our commitment to tell this story—to stop the war—when we returned home.

In the days that followed, we were fortunate enough to visit other communities in this liberated part of Morazan. Despite a food blockage by the Salvadoran government, the people were successfully growing their own food and finding ways to sneak in supplies past the armed guards located on the other side of the Torola River.

We witnessed first-hand the schools and work cooperatives set up to educate the children and run the communities. We met with town councils comprised of citizens elected by the people of the community to facilitate decision making processes. We

met with members of the FMLN (the guerilla army keeping the army OUT of this area) and understood how their presence created the space necessary to allow this extensive grass-roots organizing to take place.

Of course, we also witnessed the severe malnutrition of many of the children as a result of the war imposed upon them. But the people's spirit and abilities were so great, so courageous, that we as a group, understood an end to the war—a politically negotiated settlement for which the FMLN stressed their desire again and again—would allow these children a chance for the happy healthy lives they deserve.

Upon crossing back over the Torola River, into the army-occupied part of Morazan, we were abducted, held, and interrogated by the army and Treasury Police (traditionally linked with the Salvadoran Death Squads) for three days. Their brutal

treatment towards us, as well as their obvious fear about what we had learned, is positive testimony to the tenuous position of their control over the region.

They don't want North Americans to see the reality of what is going on. Once the knowledge becomes public, the war and repression can no longer be rationalized—we as North American citizens—as

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Slingshot is not interested in history merely as history. History can tell us a lot about how to struggle against the university. It can tell us about issues and problems activists have faced in the past and may still face today. It can tell us about the basic nature of the university—is it a nice, friendly, liberal institution or does it just look like that in the absence of any serious challenge to its power? How hard will the university struggle and fight against the very students it is supposed to be educating when things get "a little out of control"? How violent is the university, and is it still set up to use the level of violence it did during the strike?

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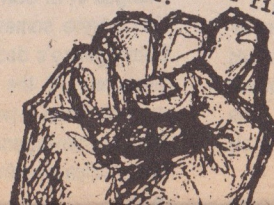
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The Academic Senate is a governing body consisting of tenured faculty, which makes crucial decisions over curriculum, faculty, and use of funds at UC Berkeley. The Senate is mostly Anglo and male, even though more than half of the state population is women and at least 1/4 is Chicano/Latino. I counted the Chicano professors on my left hand that day. November was the life of the American Cultures requirement (at present it is on a life support system and in desperate need of a student support).

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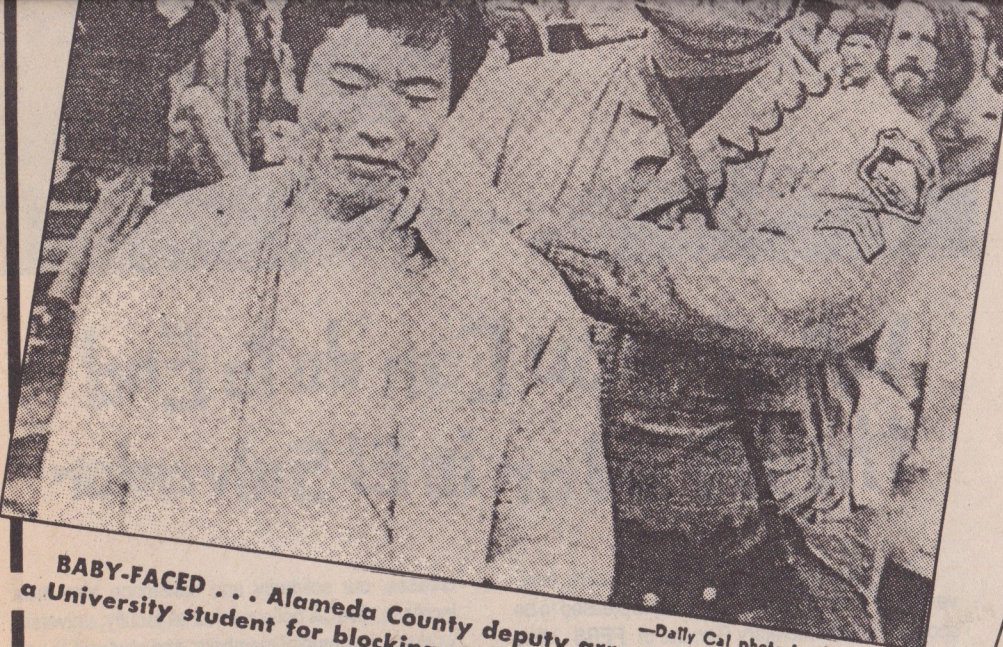
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### Editorial

## The Horror

Brutality and violence. Police and the victims of capricious brutality.

Today you can read the facts. One story is by a teaching assistant who remains anonymous. His account has been circulated among the faculty by two professors who vouch for his truthfulness.

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*This article was originally written for The Chicano/Latino conference and the author has allowed us to reprint a slightly altered version. As such, it is from a Chicano perspective. The lessons of the Third World Strike are important to all concerned students at Berkeley, Third World and white. Slingshot welcomes submissions from all critical perspectives.*

The Third World Strike at Berkeley, perhaps that most important period of unrest over student demands in Berkeley's history, yet not nearly as well known as the Free Speech Movement in 1964, started 20 years ago on January 22, 1969.

Considering its importance, the amount of coverage this anniversary has so far received is small. Fortunately, for student activists and historians' sake, the TWS lasted not one day or one week, but a whole academic quarter. Thus, we will have all semester this Spring to dig into our historical resources, pull out the old ideas which still have much relevance to us today, and commemorate the Third World Strike. The basic demands of the TWS have not been met and still apply today.

## Roots of the Strike

The Third World Strike was preceded by a year of campus activity which first and foremost established ethnic awareness. Third World students also began prying into the often sophisticated manifestations of racial inequality or more popularly termed, institutionalized racism, revealing the need for not only more people of color on campus (students, faculty, etc.) but for the curriculum of the university to reflect their reality. This could not be a simple act of

the university to define and initiate proper "minority programs," but a mutual process whereby the university opens its doors to people of color and their ideas, and allows Third World people to determine their own destinies. This was the politics of self-determination.

Black students' initiative was first challenged by the university when Eldridge Cleaver, a Black Panther and radical political figure, was barred from lecturing for a student initiated class. Students protested the order by the UC Regents and governor Ronald Reagan.

Chicanos were involved in numerous activities, most notably, the UFW grape boycott. Their activity was recognized on a larger scale when eight Chicanos were arrested after a sit-in at the UC system-wide president Charles J. Hitch's office. They demanded grapes off campus but also more resources for Chicano students. After increased pressure through rallies, press conferences and a hunger strike on behalf of the jailed students, Hitch granted the Chicanos their demands, including a Chicano Studies Center and a Chicano on his staff.

Early in 1968, Blacks had submitted a proposal for an Afro-American Studies department. By January of 1969, a watered down "program" was all the university offered the students. Blacks called for a strike against the university and asked Third World groups to join. As a result of the dialogue between the groups, the Third World Liberation Front (TWLF) was formed demanding a Third World College. The college would be comprised of separate departments of Black, Chicano, Asian and Native American

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## The Strike Begins

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Union leader and one of about 800 people at yesterday's noon rally. He called for everyone to join the picket lines immediately.

### Editorial

## The Horror

Brutality and violence. Police and the victims of capricious brutality.

Today you can read the facts. One story is by a teaching assistant who remains anonymous. His account has been circulated among the faculty by two professors who vouch for his truthfulness.

The other story comes from employees in the basement of Sproul Hall, who have seen deliberate, vicious, and unprovoked beatings upon prisoners.

We urge you to join the strike for the Third World demands and an end to police on campus. We urge you to support the right of peaceful picketing, and the right to walk across campus and emerge alive. We urge you to strike.

But if you are going to class anyway, and you look straight and have books under your arm, you may still be arrested. STAY AWAY!

If you do not think you can stand to see a person have his teeth knocked out by uniformed hooligans without trying to do something to stop it, you may be arrested. You may be beaten. STAY AWAY!

The blood-stained beasts stalks the campus. The police have suspended the constitution and are making arrests at will, and without provocation. They then proceed to rarified forms of torture.

All discussions have been ended between the TWLF and the administration. A major campus union is on strike today because of police terror, and the apparent illegality of a peaceful picket line on campus. The Teaching Assistants may all be fired.

If you are opposed to totalitarian, helmeted, armed, uncontrolled, and irresponsible bands of uniformed thugs roaming the campus at will, then you must, for your own physical safety. STAY AWAY!

The reign of terror cannot longer be ignored. The facts are clear. If you come on campus today, in any capacity, you may be arrested and beaten. STAY AWAY!

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MANUEL DELGADO . . . A Third World Strike leader was arrested for the third time yesterday at Sather Gate and later released on \$1000 bail.

## SELF-

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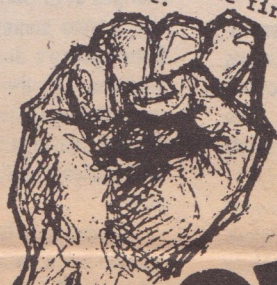
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The solutions are obvious. Jesse Jackson articulated them during his campaign. Shift resources away from the military to peaceful programs that might actually do some good. Gorbachev makes the military-corporate elite uneasy. With the Cold War threatening to end, there will no longer be any reason to keep the war machine expanding at its current insane rate.

The US has been maintaining a war economy since World War Two - the war that ended the Depression. Then, the Cold War came along at the perfect time, so there was no need to slack off at all. Now the USSR is starting to shift resources from military to constructive purposes, which should be a world-wide process.

In the US, this would mean an end to the billions of tax dollars being poured into the coffers of war corporations like G.E. and Boeing. Instead, the funds would be used for housing, health care, education and environmental protection - the very programs that Reagan sneered at and did his best to eliminate. There are some very powerful interests in this country who will do their best to keep the Cold War fires burning.

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Lou Gottlieb, former proprietor of the Morningstar Ranch, a sort of giant homeless collective operating in the halcyon days of the sixties, proposed recently that isolated 40 acre parcels of land be donated by the government as areas where work-allergic homeless types can settle. He says: "These pockets of controlled anarchy... can produce lifestyles which would be convenient for this element that seems to cause embarrassment wherever they appear." An interesting proposal.

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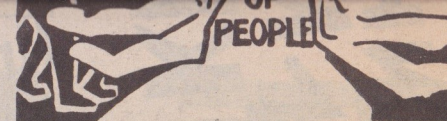
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This caused the Project's schedule to get seriously back logged nevertheless many of the various offices and departments it serves, wrote letters of support which helped to lend credibility to the operation. Ken Schmidt, DOFM manager, offered his help, as well. Efforts were successful and the truck was regained.

With its truck back the Project is now back in full swing, but it needs help. The Administration's unwillingness to lend more substantial support is reprehensible, in view of the fact that the Project saves the

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Slingshot readers can help in many ways. You can write a letter to Bogan demanding support for the Recycling Project. On a daily basis, you can recycle your newspaper, glass, aluminum, white and computer paper in public bins or office locations across campus (Call 642-4895 for one near you!). Don't trash the bins! Know your paper grades! Volunteer as an intern for the Project (add/drop deadline extended until 2/24). Come to meetings on Wednesdays, in our office in 300B Eshleman Hall, at six o'clock.

—Jesse McCloud

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# The Wobblies: AN IDEA WHO'S TIME HAS COME (AGAIN)

After decades in remission, the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) is building up its ranks with a new cadre of "unorganizable" workers—the political working class. In the past year IWW membership has doubled to about 1200 in the United States, a comeback notable for its unionization of political canvassers and activists exploited within their own social change organizations.

As in its heyday early in this century, the anarcho-syndicalists see their union as a decentralized, yet principled unity of workers—one with no electoral agenda, just a commitment to "direct action" and

peace, among others, have tried repeatedly to unionize over the years, facing firings and shop closures. The Oregon SANE canvassers opted not to follow the model set by the first unionized canvassers—Massachusetts Fair Share workers who affiliated several years ago with the AFL-CIO.

Although it was a major breakthrough for the "political working class," according to Northwest IWW organizer Billy Don Robinson, the Massachusetts unionization failed to illicit a sense of solidarity in the industry that could have helped others in their organization efforts. The Pacific Northwest Wobblies plan

Decisions are made by consensus, membership is open to anyone, and all organizing work is done on a volunteer basis. The IWW operations without an automatic check-off system for collecting its modest \$2-per-month dues, and the union permits no closed-shop hiring. "Big management unions use workers as pawns," said Brian Myers, an organizer in the national office and former editor of the union monthly newspaper, *The Industrial Worker*.

The IWW's resurgence may also be traced to workers' frustration with this past year's electoral politics; Wobblies reject the vote as a form of social co-optation of the masses. They concentrate their efforts on organizing picket lines, helping in soup kitchens and local collectives, and other forms of "direct action." The union promotes solidarity among workers, environmentalists, peace activists and other community sectors. "The narrow concerns of workers—wages, working conditions—are important," Myers said, "but the health of the planet is also now at stake." The IWW's new slogan: "There are no jobs on a dead planet."

This is why, according to Wobbly organizers, the "gentrification of social change" faced by political canvassers is a key battleground. Such workers—often employed in the name of consumer interest, the environment and peace issues—are professionals who make personal contact with tens of thousands of households, but are often exploited and powerless in their own organizations.

Radical activists point to a class stratification characteristic of the canvassing industry that leaves canvass workers responsible for earning the bulk of the organizational budget, but which gives them minimal input on policy decisions or processes. Quota systems regulating canvassers' productivity, rules against deviating from the standard rap, and the lack of affirmative action procedures are all blamed for a high burnout rate among canvassers. Newly-organized Wobs claim the money raised by the canvass in high profile organizations like Greenpeace and the PIRGs often supports immense bureaucracies, amounting to a typically-inefficient "elite" that drains resources unnecessarily.

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ceeded in turning out a plethora of leaflets and flyers—"silent agitators." Some outreach efforts are more successful than others. In Champaign-Urbana, for instance, the IWW recently lost a bid to unionize a shop of pizza delivers because "they wanted us to come in and do everything," according to the local Wobbly delegate.

IWW activists admit communication and coordination among locals and between delegates can be so lax that organizers in the national office may know of a new union before delegates in the local office. But they argue that the complete autonomy given to members also makes the local branches more accessible and flexible than mainstream unions.

The Stanford decision to break with SEIU and join the Wobblies was a rare event. According to Richard Ellington, a Wobbly delegate in northern California, most two-card members are organized by their trade union, then join the IWW later and make their membership known to fellow workers. "We serve as grassroots members who stand for democracy in direct terms," he said.

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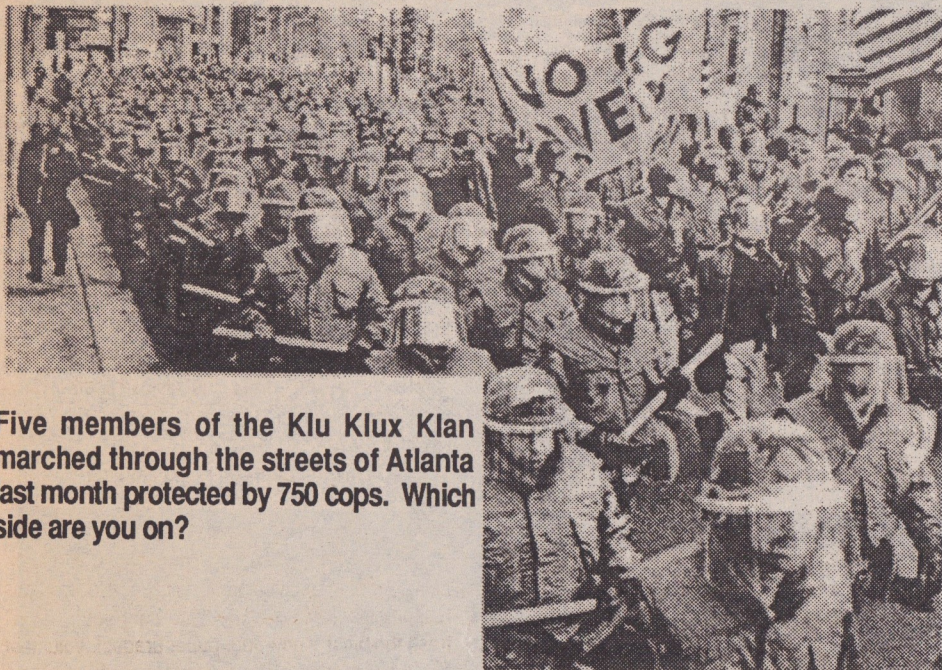


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